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SUBJECT: US RESPONSE TO SOVIET DEMARCHE ON ALLIED
PATROLS IN EAST BERLIN

REF: BONN 7659

1. DURING MEETING ON MAY 3, SECRETARY VANCE GAVE SOVIET
AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN 'NON-PAPER' WITH TEXT OF AGREED
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ALLIED RESPONSE TO SOVIET APPROACH OF APRIL 15.

2. IN PRESENTING THE RESPONSE, THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED
THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE US VIEWED THE BERLIN
SITUATION AND STRESSED THE NEED FOR ALL PARTIES TO ADHERE
SCRUPULOUSLY TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. NOTING
THAT AT THIS POINT IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR ANYONE TO

HEAT UP THE BERLIN SITUATION, THE SECRETARY CAUTIONED AGAINST ANY DEVIATION FROM STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. HE REFERRED TO THE FACT THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE QA WITH THE SOVIETS IN MOSCOW AND THAT ALL HAD AGREED WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF STRICT ADHERENCE. FURTHERMORE, THE SOVIET SIDE HAD NOT RAISED ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE AGREEMENT AT THAT TIME. THE SECRETARY HAD THEREFORE BEEN TROUBLED AND PUZZLED WHEN THE ISSUE WAS RAISED TWO WEEK LATER.

3. DOBRYNIN REPLIED THAT THE SOVIETS AGREED THAT THE QA MUST BE ADHERED TO FULLY AND THAT THEY HAD NOT MEANT TO MAKE A BIG THING OUT OF THEIR PROTEST. DOBRYNIN SAID THE SOVIETS WERE CONVINCED THAT THE WEST BERLINERS WERE TRYING TO CHOP AWAY AT THEM AND EAST GERMANY USING SALAMI TACTICS. THE SECRETARY NOTED DOBRYNIN'S COMMENTS BUT REPEATED HIS CAUTION AGAINST HEATING UP THE BERLIN SITUATION.

4. EMBASSY BONN AUTHORIZED TO TELL BONN GROUP THAT US RESPONSE HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND TO INFORM THEM OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN.

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